Donaldson, Thomas Blaine

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[Donaldson has asked Chapman to ascertain the value, if possible, of some miniature portraits in his family's collection, as he wants to sell them for "a good price."]

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Dear Mr. Chapman;

The enclosed are photos (enlarged) of the miniature concerning which I spoke to you. The actual size is indicated on the rear of photos. The two portraits, in oil, are on reverse sides and the plate is solid gold. Both are splendidly done. Thinking that the portraits were those, perhaps, of Elizabeth and Essex or Raleigh I sent copies to the British Museum and asked the curator of portraits. He said that although it was clear that the portraits were not those of the above mentioned, yet he would have to see the original to identify the faces.

Please return these to me if you cannot ascertain anything. I want to sell the thing and for a good price. If it is worth anything it is worth a good amount. I thought that you might be in the best position to identify it. Father procured it in Philadelphia about 1883.

Yours truly

Jno. B. Donaldson

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